

Art Unit: 3714

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- lines ~~28~~-29, add – selection associated with the – after “overriding the” and before “end-bonus condition”

Claim 26:

- line 23, add – by the associated symbols – after “masking” and before “of the indicated”

Claims Allowed

RU Claims 1-18 & ²⁰⁻²⁸~~2-28~~ are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Thomas et al (US 6,190,255) discloses a bonus game that comprises a plurality of hidden selectable awards wherein a player can use an anti-end bonus resource in the event the player selects an end-bonus outcome.

Gerrard et al (US 2004/0048644) and Gauselmann (US 2005/0054414) both teach a shell type bonus game.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tramar Harper whose telephone number is (571) 272-6177. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am - 5:00pm.